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SUBJECT: NEW DATE FOR BAVARIAN ELECTIONS

1. BAVARIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON MAY 28 MOVED DATE FOR BAVARIAN ELECTIONS FROM NOVEMBER 10 TO OCTOBER 27. BAVARIANS HAD EARLIER MADE POINT OF SCHEDULING THEIR ELECTIONS TO CO-INCIDE WITH THOSE IN HESSE, AND WHEN LATTER MOVED UP TO OCTOBER 27 IT WAS EXPECTED BAVARIANS WOULD FOLLOW SUIT. THEIR DELAY IN DOING SO WAS OVER TYPICALLY GERMANIC CONSTITUTIONAL CONCERN. CURRENT BAVARIAN LANDTAG TERM RUNS TO NOVEMBER 22. BAVARIAN CONSTITUTION CALLS FOR NEW LANDTAG TO MEET WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS FOLLOWING ELECTIONS. EARLIER ELECTIONS WOULD THEREFORE MEAN SHORT PERIOD WITH TWO LANDTAGE. GOVERNMENT, LANDTAG AND PARTIES TOSSED QUESTION BACK AND FORTH FOR SIX WEEKS BEFORE FINALLY ALL AGREEING THAT CURRENT LANDTAG COULD DISSOLVE ITSELF PREMATURELY.

2. ALL THREE PARTIES HAVE BEEN IN AGREEMENT ON HOLDING ELECTIONS
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SAME DAY AS IN HESSE ON GROUNDS THAT TANDEM ELECTIONS WOULD

RESULT IN ONE UNDESIRABLY INFLUENCING RESULTS IN SECOND. CSU
ALSO HAS HAD IN MIND THOUGHT THAT SPD AND FDP NATIONAL LEADERS
CAN NOW DEVOTE ONLY HALF THE ATTENTION TO CAMPAIGNING IN BAVARIA
THAT THEY OTHERWISE MIGHT HAVE.SPIVACK

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